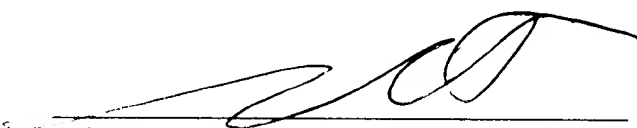


Remarks

Applicant hereby elects claims 1-6 drawn to the method of making an optical component. This election is made with the understanding that the Applicant has the right to file a divisional application for the apparatus for making the component as recited in the non-elected claims 7-12. Also, Applicant hereby submits new claims 13-16 which recite additional features of the method which are disclosed and supported in the application. Examination is respectfully requested.

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In the Claims:

13. The method of claim 8 wherein the closure member is of plug-like configuration and has a polished surface in the region of the opening.

14. The method of claim 13 wherein the closure member is adapted to be releasably engaged with a latch in the coupling portion.

15. The method of claim 14 wherein the closure member is provided with a releasing member for release from said latch.

16. The method of claim 15 wherein the closure member has a centering means ensuring aligned, centered positioning of the closure member in relation to the opening.